

have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural and social life of the State and to provide visible models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders. Ms. Yow's contribution to Maryland and her role as a prominent female leader in an area traditionally dominated by males more than qualifies her for this honor.

Throughout her distinguished career in collegiate athletics, Ms. Yow has been known for her unrivalled energy and dedication. She has demonstrated a long-standing commitment not only to athletic success but also to the academic excellence of the students. A focused manager, fund-raiser, and promoter, she is known as a "coach's AD" with an impressive sense of management and knowledge of fiscal operations. Over the course of her career she has emerged as a leader in all facets of collegiate athletics.

After playing basketball herself at Elon College in North Carolina, Ms. Yow excelled for nearly a decade in coaching women's basketball. She began coaching at the University of Kentucky in 1976, and in 1980, Ms. Yow moved to Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma, posting an impressive 26–1 record in 1983. She then served as the women's basketball coach at the University of Florida from 1983 to 1987. Ms. Yow retired from coaching after her tenure at the University of Florida with a winning percentage of .700 and a career average of 20 victories per season.

Ms. Yow moved her career into the administrative field by serving as an associate athletic director at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro from 1987 to 1990, where she increased alumni support by more than 128 percent. In 1990, Ms. Yow assumed the position of athletic director at St. Louis University, becoming the fourth female athletic director of an NCAA Division I program and the only one active at the time. She was credited with revitalizing the men's basketball program and achieved an impressive 92 percent graduate rate for its athletes, ranking 10th among the 300 Division I schools.

In 1994, Ms. Yow began her new role as athletic director at the University of Maryland, the first woman to hold such a position in Atlantic Coast Conference history. She was faced with the challenge of a program ranked last competitively and last in fund-raising in the ACC, and a staggering operating deficit of \$6.7 million. She took this position with a pledge to pay off the debt and improve both the athletic and academic standards in the Maryland athletic program. Under her leadership, every budget in the department has been balanced, and the debts she inherited from past administrations have been paid off. The Maryland Terrapins have streaked up the all-sports ranking to be in the top 15 percent of all NCAA Division I institutions. The graduation rate of athletes has risen to an impressive 85 percent, and improvements have been made in a variety of areas such as management, facilities and customer care.

Last year, 2002, demonstrated unprecedented successes for Ms. Yow's efforts in Maryland athletics. U.S. News and World Report selected the University of Maryland as one of the top 20 athletic programs in the Nation for overall quality and competitive excellence. The football team won the ACC championship and played in the Orange Bowl. The men's basketball team won the ACC regular season and topped that off with the NCAA na-

tional championship. These successes made Maryland one of a handful of schools to have achieved such high-level successes in both football and men's basketball in the same year. And success was not limited to just these two sports; the women's lacrosse team won their 7th consecutive national championship, the field hockey team played for the national championship, and a total of 10 teams competed in post-season play.

Ms. Yow's success has been honored by a variety of awards and leadership positions in college athletics. In 1998, she was elected the second vice president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, the second woman to serve as an officer of the NACDA. By 2000, she was the president of that organization. Also in 2000, Street and Smith's Sports Business Journal, a leading industry publication, named her female sport executive of the year. More recently, she has been an important voice on the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, a group assembled by U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige to review Title IX.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend congratulations to Ms. Yow for her well-deserved inauguration into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House join me in thanking Ms. Yow for her contribution to the University of Maryland, its fans and the citizens of the great State of Maryland, as well as for her wider contribution to collegiate athletics.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

SPEECH OF

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the attached statement of Colombian President Alvaro Uribe supporting U.S. action in Iraq.

EXCERPTS OF A TELEVISED ADDRESS TO THE COLOMBIAN NATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY ALVARO URIBE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA ON IRAQ

The Government has openly supported the use of force in Iraq in order to disarm its regime and prevent its weapons of mass destruction from continuing to threaten mankind and the Iraqi people, who have been a victim of horrid crimes perpetrated by Iraqi authorities. The world still remembers images of the mothers of Halabja, dying while embracing their children in a last effort to protect them from the deadly effects of Saddam Hussein's poisonous gas.

This international action should protect civilians and respect the legitimate rights of the population of Iraq.

We belong to a coalition formed of countries like the United States, Spain, England, Italy, Denmark, Holland, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Bolivia. As in the case of Colombia, the people in many of these countries have suffered from terrorism and have learned, as we have, that this scourge has to be defeated by force in order for citizens to be able to live in peace.

Colombia has been requesting the world's support in its fight against terrorism and we

cannot refuse to support actions aimed at defeating terror wherever it takes place. We have demanded global solidarity to avoid the suffering brought about by terrorism and we must fight together to stop terrorism from causing havoc here and there—in the Twin Towers of New York, in the streets of Great Britain, in Spanish cities, in Bogota's Club El Nogal, in Cuouta and Neiva, in the humble town of Ricaurte just last night, or in Arauca, nearly on a daily basis.

Neither state terrorism nor terrorism by armed groups of any kind can be tolerated. Our Government is committed to the fight against terrorism until terrorist networks are dismantled. Only then will we see full compliance with human rights. The dignity of our open democracy requires this and only when it is realized will we be able to maintain international credibility, which is our defense against unilateral intervention of any kind.

We will overcome the terrorist's deceit: Terrorists in Colombia advance their agenda through illegal drugs, kidnappings, arms and technology while misleading well-intentioned analysts and seeking sinister alliances. We cannot remain in doubt, lacking determination and mistaking weakness for legality, which has prevented us from gaining effective allies against terrorism.

By participating in this alliance against terrorism, Colombia strengthens its ability to gain international allies who can help us defeat terrorism internally. We have also learned that international cooperation cannot remain solely in the realm of words, but must translate into concrete support, good offices and effective military action.

We feel for the victims of terrorism in Colombia and other countries. To demand solidarity, we must show solidarity.

LET'S COMPLETE NEW YORK'S RECOVERY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, with the Nation at war, our first thoughts today are with American servicemen and women . . . that they get home quickly and safely, and that Iraq is liberated with as little tragedy as possible.

This week the President asked Congress to authorize \$75 billion mostly to cover war operations, with reports that he will request an additional \$70 billion more to help Iraq rebuild. I am supporting these funds and understand the President's commitment to rebuild Iraq.

We are here today with a similar message about New York. Mr. President, New York's recovery is not yet complete. Billion dollar losses from the attacks remain unaddressed. Like our commitment to rebuild Iraq, we should also commit to New York's full recovery. To be sure, New York is grateful for the initial aid received.

Those funds—part of the \$16 to \$20 billion in initial federal aid—helped tremendously with the material recovery efforts, costs for overtime to rescue workers, and additional costs of the emergency response.

But the wider economic impacts of 9/11 were not small ripples, they were crushing aftershocks.

Total costs from the disaster are estimated as high as \$95 billion, with only about \$40 billion in estimated insurance payments, and

under \$20 billion in federal aid. That leaves a big gap of remaining needs.

The largest losses still unaddressed are direct tax revenue losses to New York City and State estimated at \$8.8 billion for just 2 years.

And we are not alone in making this point . . . The non-partisan investigative branch of Congress—the General Accounting Office—has confirmed that this estimate from New York budget offices is reasonably approximate.

New York shared the pain of the national recession, but in all reality, the Nation never experienced the full magnitude of 9/11's economic impacts.

If some people think we're asking too much, just think what New York has already suffered: Fully Half of almost 200,000 jobs lost in the last two years can be traced to 9/11's impacts, according to the Fiscal Policy Institute.

Largely because of the massive budget shortfalls from 9/11, the city has already cut more than \$71 million in child care aid programs, and over \$25 million for HIV prevention programs, infant mortality reduction programs, libraries, and other community needs.

\$2.7 billion in service cuts are planned for 2003, with multiple firehouse closures and thousand person headcount reductions projected for police and fire departments in 2004.

Now, because New York is almost universally recognized as target #1 for future terrorist attempts, the Mayor and Police Commissioner have implemented Operation Atlas at a cost of \$5 million per WEEK.

While Mayor Bloomberg asks the President for \$900 million to help, he's slated to get only about \$30 million.

New York's fighting the front lines of terrorism, but its hands are tied by limited federal support and billions lost from 9/11's economic impacts.

That's why we are announcing the introduction today the 'Whatever It Takes' To Rebuild Act of 2003' named after the President's decisive pledge after 9/11 to do "whatever it takes" to help New York recover.

The bill would authorize the President to provide \$8.8 billion to New York City and State for lost tax revenues or an amount that he determines is needed to fill the gap created by the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

It would also remove the \$5 million cap on federal aid for lost tax revenues following major disasters. This arbitrary cap was added by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Additionally, the bill makes State Governments eligible for this assistance.

And finally it authorizes grants for lost tax revenues following a future terrorist attack.

There may be no precedent for the scale of aid we're requesting, but there was no precedent for 9/11, or its vast economic impacts.

There is, however, plenty of precedent for federal assistance with lost tax revenues after other national disasters.

For instance, the U.S. Virgin Islands received \$90 million dollars after Hurricane Hugo for losses to its revenue base. This may be smaller in scale than aid for 9/11, but so too were the economic impacts from that hurricane.

This is an issue vital to New York's future. We need the Governor to speak up in support of this bill, and to call on the President for the administration's support as well.

The Governor finally recognized that the Bush plan for homeland security funds would

hurt New York, now we need him to stand up for New York on the issue of full recovery from 9/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 31

2 p.m.

Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2004 focusing on the science and technology program and the role of the Department of Defense laboratories.

SR-222

APRIL 1

9 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Cecilia M. Altonaga, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Patricia Head Minaldi, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

SD-226

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on impacts of environmental laws on readiness and the related Administration Legislative Proposal.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, and Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prah, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority.

SD-406

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's Disease.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.

SD-366

Finance

To hold hearings to examine tax payer issues, focusing on public accountants and charitable car donations.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps development and procurement priorities.

SR-232A

APRIL 2

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to military encroachment.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To resume hearings to examine foreign assistance oversight.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine an overview of the fiscal year 2004 Navy Budget.

SD-192

Appropriations

District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the status of foster care in the District of Columbia.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.

SD-366

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools, proposed legislation entitled "Genetics Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003", "Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003", "The Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act", "Caring for Children Act of 2003", and pending nominations.

SD-430